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- 1. IN MAY 17 PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON CUSTOMS TARIFF CHANGES IN MARCH 31 BUDGET, FINMIN MACDONALD INDICATED THAT TARIFF BOARD REPORT 152 ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND SECOND REPORT ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO BE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE SUMMER, "WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN FORMING THE CANADIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATIONS AT THE TOKYO ROUND, PARTICULARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES."
- 2. MACDONALD ALSO, DURING DEBATE, MENTIONED AD VALOREM BEEF TARIFF IS CASE IN WHICH CANADA WOULD BE SEEKING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT DURING NEGOTIATIONS.
- 3. COMMENTING ON LONDON SUMMIT, MACDONALD SAID, "I REALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD NOT BE COMMENTING IN DETAIL ON THE U.S. POSITION, BUT I WOULD HAVE TO SAY, ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING, THAT HE WAS NOT GOING INTO THE TOKYO ROUND WITH A HARD LINE."
HOWEVER, HE SAID, "WE CAN EXPECT NO EASY FREE RIDES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. NOR CAN WE EXPECT TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM PENETRATING OUR MARKETS ... I DO NOT THINK WE CAN TURN THE

CLOCK BACK AND GO FOR HIGHER TARIFF PROTECTION."

4. COPIES OF DEBATE BEING POUCHED. ENDERS

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